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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 13, 20, 25 and 26 have been amended, leaving Claims 1 - 28 for consideration upon entry of this amendment. The claims have been amended to cure the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs as explained in detail below. These amendments merely more definitely claim the present invention and do not narrow the scope thereof. The Specification has been amended to correct a grammatical error. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

1. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1 - 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular the Examiner has stated that "said bridge power source" has no antecedent basis. Claims 1, 3, 13, 20, and 26 have been amended to change "bridge" to "bridging", consistent with Claim 1.

Claim 10 is identified as allegedly confusing for reciting a "DC-DC power supply for converting". Applicant have not changed this language since it is consistent with the specification and clearly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. The required limitation of this element is clear; it converts an output voltage. This is also consistent with the specification. Although the claim covers the additional step of supplying the converted voltage to the bus, the claim is not limited thereto.

Claims 12, 23, 27, and 28 have been rejected as allegedly failing to recite any connection between the primary power source and the rest of the system. These claims are method claims. Any connection between the primary power source and the rest of the system would not be a method limitation and is therefore not necessary in these claims. Applicant contends that the intended method is clearly and definitely claimed.

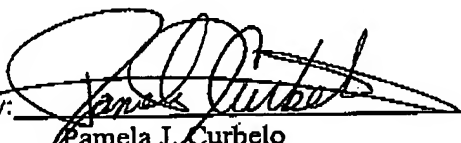
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It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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